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**FIRE FACT NO. 054 CHECKLIST(s): NA**  
**TITLE : FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ISSUES**  
**CHECKLIST ITEM(s): NA**  
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Kansas Statutes direct the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office and the Prevention Division to focus on the regulation of exits, fire alarm systems, and building suppression devices within buildings where people congregate. This is accomplished through regulation, certification, education, inspection, and enforcement. State and local standards are similar, but are enforced at different levels.

In many municipalities across the state, owners constructing **new** buildings are given site conditions or requirements at the onset of a project, which address fire department access. (See 1997 ed. UFC; Article 9 for Fire Department Access and Water Supply). Acceptable fire department access roads, adequate water supplies, and hydrants are provided or the owner may provide the building with an automatic fire sprinkler system. However, we are not aware of many successful attempts to retroactively apply these requirements to **existing** buildings and sites.

Obviously, it is in the best interest of the facility and the community to provide for emergency services access wherever possible. This is, however, a local issue best handled by local units of government.

